



This email is going to all licensed health professionals in North Dakota. If you are currently registered as a volunteer with the Public Health Emergency Volunteer Reserves/ Medical Reserve Corps (PHEVR/MRC), you may have already received this information.

The National Weather Service has predicted possible severe flooding throughout North Dakota this spring. Even though there is not an immediate need at this time, the ND Department of Health is preparing for possible serious flooding. Potential need for volunteers exists for the staffing of medical shelters and supplementing staffing at health care facilities that receive patients or residents from evacuated facilities.

While we cannot determine at this time when or if shelters would be opened, we'd like to have a group of volunteers trained and ready to be deployed. Medical as well as non-medical volunteers may be needed.

The major flood threat appears to be mid March through mid April. While we understand that it's difficult to determine your availability for a deployment without knowing when you are needed, if you believe you would be available and willing to assist sometime during that timeframe, please indicate your possible availability by registering online at www.ndhealth.gov/EPR/volunteer. In question package #6, there will be a question asking about your availability for spring flooding orientation. (Spring flood orientation- 2010). Please answer this question with a "yes" if you think you may be available sometime during that timeframe and are willing to deploy.

When you register as a potential volunteer, please have your driver's license and medical license available if you have them. You will be asked for information from those documents; however neither of them is required to register as a volunteer. Please ensure that your application is complete.

If you are interested in deployment for this event, please plan to attend the orientation training on Tuesday March 9th at 7:00PM. This training will be conducted by videoconference and webcast. You can participate free of charge at your local public health unit or hospital. You can also go online and participate on the internet at www.ndhealth.gov/WebcastHigh.aspx. We recommend following the instructions on the website to test your computer equipment in advance of the orientation which you can do at www.ndhealth.gov/webcasthtml/preflight.

You may forward this message to anyone you think may be interested in assisting. If they are not currently registered they are still welcome to attend the orientation and should also register online at the above web site. If you have any questions or are having difficulty logging into your account, please call me at 701-328-1334 or email me at jacharrier@nd.gov.

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